Place: Billings, Montana

Building: St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Date of Completion: August 1, 1961

Persons Interested: 

Price: $2,000 ($26 per foot)

Minister: Reverend George T. Masuda, 119 North 33rd Street, Billings, Montana


Position in Church: Baptistry window (At end of nave of the church)

Height from floor: 6 feet

Protection: Glass

Groove: Stone

Rabbet: Wood

Exposure: Southwest. In afternoon and evening the sun is blinding.

Footage: 77 feet


Design wanted at once.

Staging


General Information: Whitehouse wrote: "I have leveled the window across the top... suggested a window treatment that would be similar to your windows in St. John's Church, Bangor, Maine (photo enclosed). The field I thought might be rectangular in the manner of the antique patina you used in the windows of photos enclosed. The Rector would like a Nativity window... I thought you could cut down the brightness through the rectangular panes of glass by the treatment you would give the same."
Baptistry window, sending us a print of his drawing for the proposed arrangement reducing the size of the opening.

We are eager to serve you in its colorful and significant enrichment and to this end have prepared a rough color sketch suggesting how beautifully it can be worked out.

The dominant theme of the Nativity can readily be lowered in the over-all area if you prefer. We are inclined to favor this arrangement, placing the colorful subject well up in the window. A significant Biblical text appropriate to the subject could be designed across the base; or the space could be devoted to a memorial inscription.

The starry border, symbolical of divine steadfastness, would well relate the window to its surroundings, and the field would be controlled with texture and patina to subdue the afternoon sunlight.

In this manner, I think we can undertake the window for two thousand dollars. Of course, this does not include the surrounding construction. We would also like to exclude the simple metal armature that can best be constructed there or two vertical and three horizontal tee members.